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**Sequestration Reduces EUC Benefits by 10.7 Percent**

**TOPEKA, Kan** – The Budget Control Act (Public Law 112-25) signed by the President has directed across-the-board budget cuts to many federal programs, including the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program. These reductions are generally known as “sequestration” budget cuts. All payments of EUC for weeks beginning on or after March 31, 2013, will be reduced by 10.7 percent.

The President has directed the Kansas Department of Labor to notify each claimant affected by this change with a letter and a chart to estimate their new weekly payment. A follow-up letter will be sent to each EUC claimant with their exact revised balance and weekly payment.

The EUC program is designed to provide additional benefits to unemployed Kansans during periods of high unemployment. Kansas currently qualifies for Tier 1 of the program. Tier 1 provides up to 14 additional weeks of benefits to qualified claimants. This reduction of the EUC benefits will reduce the benefits paid, but not the weeks of benefits. A chart showing the estimated changes on the Weekly Benefit Amount (WBA) can be found at <https://www.getkansasbenefits.com/documents/WBAchart.pdf>

For more information, visit [www.GetKansasBenefits.gov](http://www.GetKansasBenefits.gov), this site will be updated regularly as more information is available. **You can also contact the U.S. Department of Labor at 1-877-872-5627 or the White House at 202-456-1414.**

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